available for sale at the Press till June 1928. The latter date therefore must be considered to be that on which the report was placed on the Editors' Table according to the practice followed by the Government Press.

(*b*) Copies are available in the offices of the Collectors of East Godavari, West Godavari and Kistna and at the Government Press, Mount Road, Madras. The three Collectors have reported that the numbers available are adequate.

Time-limit for receiving representations regarding the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts.

*23 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) why two different dates, namely, 31st March 1929 and 30th September 1928, have been fixed for receiving representations of the public on the proposals in the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts ;

(*b*) what are the several proposals regarding which representations have to be made on or before 30th September 1928 ;

(*c*) whether the Government are aware that it is very inconvenient for the public to make their representations in instalments ; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to allow the public to make their representations on all the proposals in the report together on or before 31st March 1929 ?

A.—(*a*) The two different dates were fixed in order to give the public the longest possible period for making representations. Until orders are passed on the matters referred to in clause (*b*) the preparation of revised registers showing the revised registration and description of lands is held up and the final determination of the delta ayacut is postponed. The entry of the rates ultimately decided on will be a comparatively simple matter and will not further appreciably delay the completion of the registers.

(*b*) All proposals in the report save those regarding rates in paragraphs 45, 46, 47 and 48.

(*c*) The Government are not aware that there is any inconvenience to the public in making representations separately. On the contrary it should prove a convenience as the matters referred to in clause (*b*) depend on local considerations while the question of rates is a matter general to the district.

(*d*) The Government cannot and do not wish to prevent the making of representations on any subject at any time. The dates announced intimate to the public the dates by which representations will be made most conveniently in the public interests. As explained in the answer to clause (*a*) the postponement beyond 30th September would mean further delay in the completion of the registers and settlement of the ayacut which would be against the interests both of the ryots and the Government.

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Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Sir, in answer to clause (*d*) of this question it is said that the postponement of date fixed for receiving representations beyond 30th September would mean further delay in the completion of the registers and settlement of the ayacut which would be against the interests both of the ryots and the Government. May I know what the calamity is which, in the opinion of the Government, would befall the people and the Government if these settlement registers are not completed by the time fixed by the Government ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The longer you keep preparing the settlement registers the more out of date they become and more expense would have to be incurred."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" How does it work against the interests of the ryot if sufficient opportunity is given to him prior to the introduction of the changes ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" The main difficulty is that we cannot proceed with the disposal of the numerous applications for land as we do not know what areas we can irrigate."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" Registration of land has been going on for the last 30 years and it can be continued even now without settlement registers. The settlement registers are intended for the introduction of re-settlement. With regard to this matter what is the harm if further time is given to the ryots to have their say ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" As I have explained, until we know exactly what lands we are going to classify as wet, etc., we do not know whether there would be sufficient water to comply with the numerous applications for water in low-lying areas such as those in Bhimavaram taluk. That is one reason. The individual ryot will get notice of any proposed change that affects him and he will then have an opportunity to put forward his objections."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" If the hon. Member is satisfied that every individual concerned will have notice, why does the Government give two months' time for the submission of objections ? What is the purpose served by giving these two months' time for making objections ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" This time was given not so much to the ryot as to my hon. Friend."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" The answer to clause (*b*) is that all proposals in the report save those regarding rates in paragraphs 45, 46, 47 and 48 require the submission of representations before the 30th September 1928. May I know why the Government are not able to enumerate all those proposals ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" We could enumerate them, but we presumed that the hon. Member had read the report."

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" It is very inconvenient to classify them, into those relating to rates and those not relating to rates ? "

The hon. the President :—" The hon. Member is requested to come to his supplementary question instead of stating his objections."

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Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" May I request the hon. the Revenue Member to give a few examples of proposals which do not relate to rates ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" I have got a list and will send a copy to the hon. Member."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know if the Government realizes that objections to rates and objections to other matters are interdependent and that it is not possible to separate one from the other ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" It is perfectly possible."

Mr. C. Ramasomayajulu :—" May I know whether the Government will make it clear what the interests of the ryots are and what the interests of the Government are which are likely to be affected if there is delay ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" If the hon. Member had been listening when I replied to Mr. Narayana Raju he would have understood and got his answer."

Considerations of representations from the public regarding the scheme report for the resettlement of Godavari and Kistna districts.

*24 Q.—Mr. D. Narayana Raju : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the authority who is to receive and consider the representations of the public on the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts ;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Board of Revenue has already approved the proposals contained in the scheme report without waiting for the representations of the public ; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the same gentleman, namely, Mr. B. G. Holdsworth, who prepared the scheme report, was Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Land Revenue and Settlement, when the latter approved of the proposals in the report ?

A.—(a) As notified in the District Gazettes the Special Settlement Officer will receive the representations of the public on the scheme report for the resettlement of the Godavari and Kistna districts and submit them to the Government for consideration through the Board of Revenue.

(b) The Board of Revenue has submitted the report with its remarks for the consideration of the Government.

(c) No. Mr. Holdsworth joined as Secretary to the Board on the 6th August 1927. The Board's Resolution submitting the report to Government with the Board's remarks is dated 1st May 1927.

Mr. D. Narayana Raju :—" With regard to the answer to clause (a) of this question, may I know what good there is in the ryots trying to convince the Settlement Officer about their grievances when that officer has already made his report ? "

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—" This procedure saves time. If the Settlement Officer says what he has to say on the representation of the ryots, the Government will be in a position to come to some conclusion, otherwise the representations would have to be sent to the Settlement Officer's remarks."